been installed during the first 8 years of the Seventh Five Year Plan. 5000 biogas plants and 100 wind pumping systems are proposed to be installed in 1988-89. A target for sale of 5000 Solar Cookers has been fixed for 1988-89. For the promotion of these programmes the State Government has already created a separate agency.

Quota fixed for LPG distributors in Bihar

2634. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG distributors in Bihar who have been sanctioned a quota of less than 6500 LPG cylinders for supply to consumers during the year 1987;

(b) what are the names and addresses of such distributors;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase their quota so as to enable them to meet their requirements in full; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the steps taken so far; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) The ceilings for refill sales by LPG distributors have been laid down based on population of the town/city and various other factors. In accordance with these criteria, no town/city in Bihar qualifies for a monthly sale of 6,500 refills;

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Waiting list for LPG connections in Bihar

2635. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons who have registered themselves so far for the LPG connections in Bihar;

(b) by when they are expected to be provided with LPG connections;

(c) what is the total number of persons who had registered their names in 1985, 1986 and 1987; and

(d) what is the number of those who have been provided with new LPG connections during the said period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a The waiting list for new LPG connections as on the 1st January, 1988 in Bihar was around 0.512 lakh;

(b) Release of new LPG connections is done by the oil industry all over the country, including Bihar, in a phased manner under its annual programme for enrolment of customers, subject to augmentation in availability of LPG and bottling capacity;

(c) and (d) The approximate number of persons on waiting list and LPG connections released during the last three years are as follows:

Year ending March 31	No. of persons on waiting list	No. of LPG connections released
1985-86	39,600	34,100
1986-87	33,400	53,000
1987-88 (as on 1-1-88)	51,200	19,000